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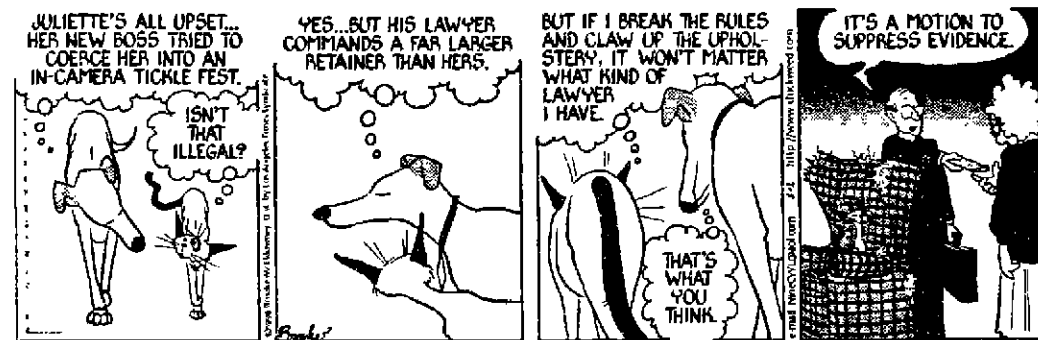
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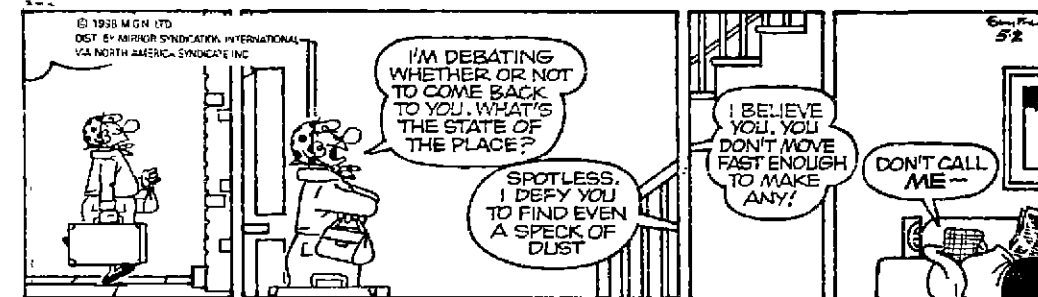
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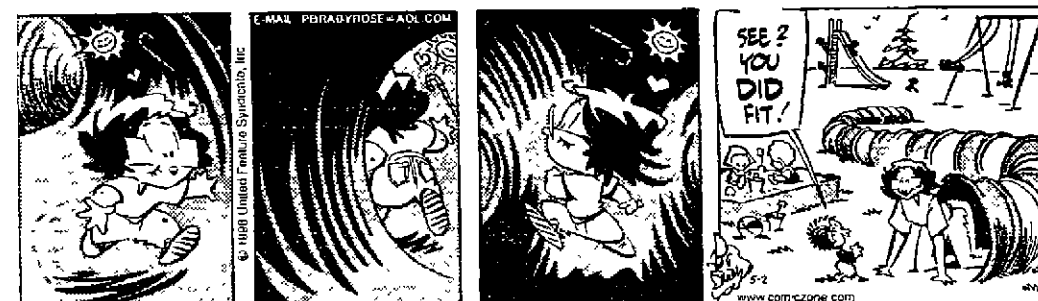
9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



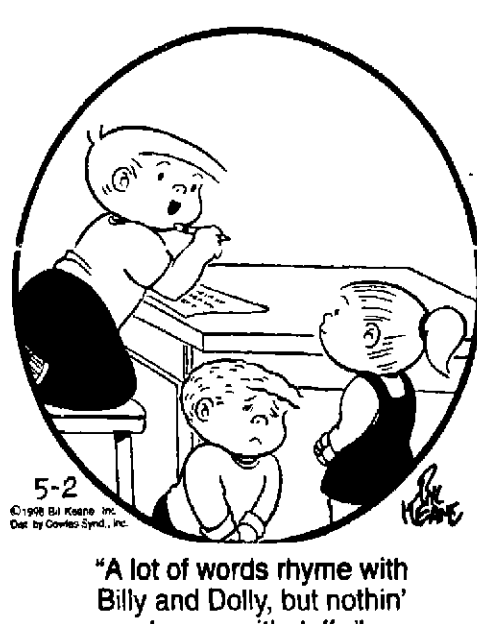
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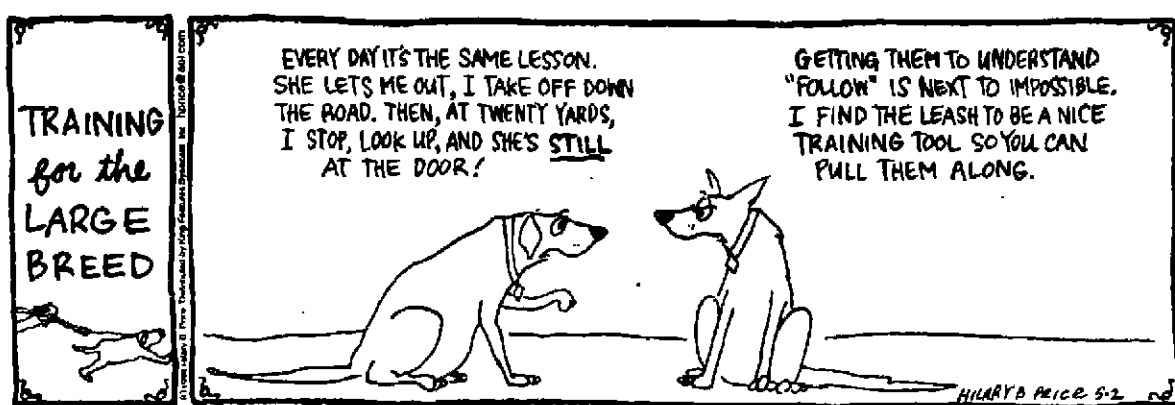
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Theodore Bikel is 74. Actor Roscoe Lee Browne is 73. Rock musician Link Wray is 69. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 50. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 48. Actress Christine Baranski ("Cybill") is 46. Actress Elizabeth Berkley ("Amadeus," "The John Larroquette Show") is 36. Actress Jenna Von Oy ("Blossom") is 21.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 70-80

BY JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Barriers

C Q N F K F H E B Y V S P M J
H E L B O I Y E V L T Q O L I
G D B L Y R W D L T R P M K I
F D B Y A E T A G W U S Q O M
K I F D B W K Z X W U N L S
Q O N L J A N C H F D E I C A
Y E W V E L T O S Q C A A P N
L K G S E L I T S N R U T I H
F M A D V K E S E I C N R B Z
Y W V U E S I F E E R E U R O
P N M L L H J D I H F P C E D

Friday's unlisted clue: TURKEY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: THE GREAT BARRIER —

Curtain	Fire wall	Levee	Sea wall
Dam	Fort	Pen	Stockade
Dike	Gate	Prison wall	Turnstile
Fence	Hedge	Rail	

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, May 3, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You receive some advice that is insincere. It's unclear sailing for you regarding career interests.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There's a certain amount of role playing that's going on in business. Don't stave and fret, but talk things over with a good friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend seems unnecessarily difficult. Don't be so self-preoccupied that you miss what a family member is trying to tell you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're upset, and with good reason. Once you clear the air with a heart-to-heart talk, however, all is well.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You could be getting in your own way as the day begins.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Someone is being manipulative. Although you're in harmony with a partner, a relative might not understand you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A pleasurable outing could prove disappointing, so why not stay home, where you're more comfortable?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A relative brings up something from the past. You're still in a pleasure-seeking mood and don't have much enthusiasm for anything that smacks of work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You might not drum up much enthusiasm from a partner, but there's a friend who is ready and willing to listen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Already, you're starting to worry about future bills. A project at work seems involved and complicated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You wish that a particular person did not try to give you advice. Undercurrents could affect a relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You become aware of some wheeling and dealing. The prospect of going back to work after a vacation doesn't exactly thrill you.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I make the slam if I bring home the club suit," announced an unhappy South. "How was I to know a finesse would work?" "You did run into poor luck in clubs," consoled North. "However, you committed too soon. You wouldn't have had to guess if you had cashed your other winners first." South won dummy's diamond queen and cashed four heart winners, discarding a low spade. Then he led a spade to his queen, losing to West's king. West exited with the spade jack to South's ace, and South could not afford to lose another trick. He led a club to dummy's king and another back to his ace. When no jack appeared, he led another club to dummy's queen, hoping to drop the jack. There was no lucky drop, and South was forced to concede down one. South's play was good until he led a third club to dummy's queen. Instead, he should have cashed dummy's diamond ace and his diamond king, leaving him with his low club and his spade nine. How about West? After South cashes dummy's diamond ace, 10 cards have been played. West is left with the spade 10 and the J-8 of clubs. When South leads to his diamond king, what can West discard? Desperately, he discards his spade 10, hoping East has the nine. South now cashes his spade nine, eliminating the problem of how to play the club suit. Why guess when it costs nothing to check on a sure thing?

NORTH 05-02-A
♠ 8 4
♥ A Q 10 9
♦ A Q 8
♣ K Q 10 6

WEST ♠ K J 10 5
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 9 6
♣ J 8 5 3

EAST ♠ 7 6 3
♥ 8 4 3 2
♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ 9 4

SOUTH ♠ A Q 9 2
♥ K J 7
♦ K J 5
♣ A 7 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
4♥ Pass 6NT All pass
*Gerber

Opening lead: Diamond 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

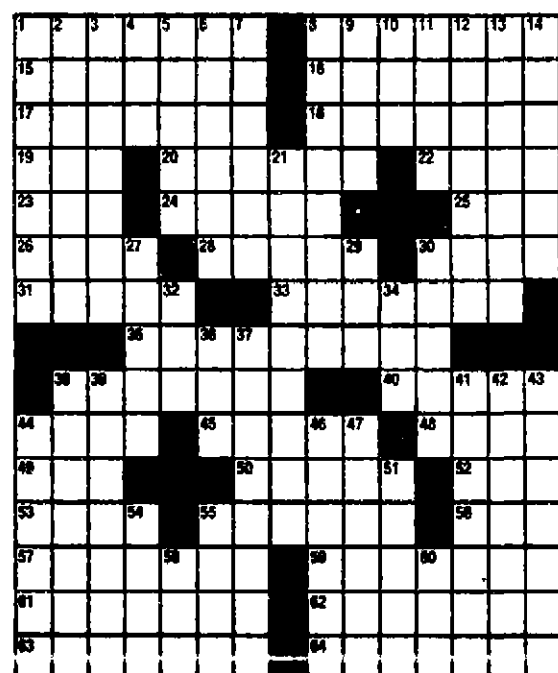
No. 0321

- ACROSS**
- Well-balanced person
 - Live primitively
 - 1984 Sugar Bowl champs
 - Board, in a way
 - Women, with "the"
 - Rate
 - Radio settings
 - Oil sources
 - Shelley's alma mater
 - Guitar attachment?
 - Reunion attendee
 - Scale notes
 - Paris grid
 - Dairy department offerings
 - Wanamaker contemporary
 - Nursery rhyme name
 - 1846 Johann Galle discovery
 - Romps
 - Crook
 - N.F.L.'s Joyner and others
 - Cotswold cries
 - Measures
 - Stain
 - Electricity path
 - Range
 - Supporting
 - Ruffles
 - Part of Lothair I's realm
 - Hrs. on the 90th meridian
 - Percussion unit
 - Denied admission
 - Sent with a click
 - School
 - Like hibiscus leaves
 - Formed a posse, e.g.
- DOWN**
- Business
 - Is tight-lipped
 - Celebrate
 - N.H.L. Hall-of-Famer since 1979
 - Humped beast
 - Antarctica's — Coast
 - Got ready to fly
 - Converted, in a way
 - Aces, sometimes
 - Raises
 - Kind of club
 - Soap title character of the 1970's
 - Part of a statement
 - Mile-sized
 - "Midnight Whispers" author
 - Conveniences
 - Marienbad, for one
 - Reflects

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AFROS TOSS JONS
PLOWS HUTU OPAL
POTENTATES YETI
LAT SAN PARSHIP
ETE DEANNA COP
PINATA SING ONE
INTRA SHEA OMAR
EGOTIST CHEAPLY
ACTS CEDE THEDA
LAH CIAO SAUTES
AIDE BEMERLYN TELA

1971
41 Fall garment
48 Like a sheepdog



Puzzle by Noah Morley

- 32 — Maria
- 34 Actor Harkin et al.
- 36 "The X-Files" subject
- 37 Not bother with, as a chore
- 38 Toddler's plea
- 43 On the schedule
- 44 Teased
- 46 Sickly
- 47 Leave the country?
- 51 Animate
- 54 It turns on the fire
- 56 Without — (daringly)
- 58 Chef's phrase
- 60 The Horned Frogs, initially

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